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varied. The general sessions will be limited to four, but these are planned with an eye to interesting topics and brisk, free discussion. Only the necessary business will be brought forward in the general sessions and nearly all committee reports will be relegated to the printed Proceedings. The printing of the Annual report of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Endowment fund in the present number of the Bulletin is part of a policy to present in print before the annual meeting the purely formal records of the business of the Association and thus relieve the program from their presentation in extenso at regular sessions. Access to shelves will form the principal topic at one General session. Library training at another and a carefully planned discussion of the important books of the past year at a third will mark a return to a practice which afforded several interesting sessions a number of years ago.

A meeting, and often more than one, will be held by each of the four sections, three affiliated societies, three state associations (North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin), six associations of library school alumni with a possible round table in charge of the Committee on Public documents which will continue the discussion begun last year at Asheville. The Travel committee has made the usual careful arrangements for an attractive post conference trip which is announced in detail elsewhere.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Miss Gratia Countryman, Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn. will assign all rooms for the Conference and applications should be made to her as soon as possible.

Frederick W. Faxon, 83 Francis St. Fenway, Boston, will answer questions concerning travel from all eastern points, and should receive remittances to cover Pullman berth with eastern party before June 10. Also send him remittance of \$5.00 before June 1 if stateroom berth on Lake trip is desired.

Charles H. Brown, The John Crerar Library, Chicago, will answer questions regarding travel from all central United States points, and persons, except those with eastern party, desiring Pullman berths from Chicago to Minneapolis, should send him the required amount before June 10.

H. W. Wilson, Minneapolis, will answer questions regarding, and book members for, the Leech Lake post-conference trip.

RAILROAD RATES

Pacific coast. Summer excursion rates for season of 1908 are, from California points to Minneapolis and return via another route, \$73.50, on sale June 15 and 16; from Washington and Oregon points to Minneapolis and return via another route, \$60, on sale June 19 and 20. These tickets are good returning for 90 days from sale and may be bought also on certain earlier dates than those named above. Liberal stop-over privileges are allowed.

East, South and Central U. S. The usual convention rate cannot be had this year, but the regular fare, especially in the middle west, is almost the same as our former fare-and-one-third concession. As only the going ticket needs to be bought on starting, there are none of the troublesome restrictions as to route and time of return trip.

The regular summer tourist round-trip ticket to Tonka Bay on sale daily from June 1st, and good until October 31st, offers a saving. This saving is offset, however, by party tickets (where ten or more travel together one way) so that all who wish to join any of the eastern parties (Washington, New York, Boston) should arrange with Mr Faxon to use a party ticket.

Regular rates by shortest and best routes from the principal cities one way to Minneapolis are given below, also sleeping car berth rate one way. The excess fare from New York and Philadelphia is practically all offset by the party rate granted us.

From		Sleeper berth
Boston	\$30.70	\$7.50
New York	†28.00	7.00
Albany	26.15	6.50
Philadelphia		
via Pa. R. R.	†26.25	7.00
via N. Y. City.	†28.50	7.00
Washington, D. C.	25.00	7.00
Pittsburgh	18.50	4.50
Buffalo	20.00	5.00
Cleveland	15.75	4.00
Detroit	13.50	4.00
Chicago	8.00	*2.00
St. Louis	11.50	3.00
Cincinnati	14.00	4.00

As past experience has shown the advisability of an early arrival at the place of meeting, the party plans this year are made to give ample time for rooming and getting rested before the sessions open. All should plan to reach Minnetonka Lake on Sunday if possible, and the special parties are routed with that end in view.

Party Travel Plans

Members who wish to travel together from Chicago to Minneapolis will see that their tickets read over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., as that line has been chosen by the Travel committee. A circular issued to members by another line is unauthorized.

Eastern party. Those from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other eastern points, may travel together according to the following itinerary, arriving at Minnetonka Lake Sunday forenoon, June 21st.

Leave Boston June 19, 10.30 a. m. South Station, over B. & A. R. R.

Leave New York City June 19, 12.55 p. m. Grand Central Station, N. Y. Central Lines.

(Philadelphia members may leave Broad Street Station at 9.50 a. m. June 19, and connect with N. Y. party, the party rate making it cheaper than to go directly west)

Leave Albany June 19, 4.35 p. m. N. Y. Central Lines.

†Excess fare charged on all fast trains, from New York and Philadelphia.

*Compartment car berth, Chicago to Minneapolis \$2.50.

Leave Buffalo June 19, 11.25 p. m. Central time, Lake Shore & Mich. Southern R. R.

Leave Toledo June 20, 6.40 a. m.

Arrive Chicago June 20, 12.50 noon.

(Opportunity to visit Chicago libraries, etc., will be arranged by Chicago Library Club)

Leave Chicago June 20, 6.30 p. m. special train with central A. L. A. party, C., M. & St. Paul Ry.

Arrive Minneapolis June 21, 7.45 a. m.

(Electric cars will take party direct to Tonka Bay hotels)

Those desiring to travel with this party please send, **before June 10**, the Pullman berth fare to Frederick W. Faxon. If compartment car berth is desired from Chicago to Minneapolis, add 50c. to regular Pullman rate. There will be special A. L. A. Pullmans from New York and Boston, and party tickets will be used, effecting a saving over the regular fare.

Washington party. If ten or more go from Washington and Baltimore, a party rate can be obtained via the Pa. R. R. Those going from this region please notify F. W. Faxon, who will arrange the party ticket.

Central party. To include all from Chicago, and all from southeastern, southwestern and central points, who go through Chicago to Minnetonka Lake, a special train, composed of Pullmans, compartment sleeping cars (each compartment accommodates two persons), and a buffet smoking car, will leave Chicago Saturday, June 20th, at 6.30 p. m., arriving at Minneapolis at 7.45 a. m., where special electrics will be provided to convey the party direct to Tonka Bay hotels. This train runs over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry., from Union Station, Chicago. Those wishing to join the party should see that their tickets read over this railroad, and (except those with the eastern party) send \$2.00 for Pullman berth, or \$2.50 for berth in compartment car, to Mr Charles H. Brown, John Crerar Library, Chicago, **before June 10**. Those unable to go with this party Saturday night, may have reservations

secured on the "Pioneer Limited" C. M. & St. P. Ry. at 6.30 p. m., Sunday, June 21st, by sending, before June 10, \$2.00 for Pullman berth, or \$2.50 for compartment car berth, to Charles H. Brown. Special cars will be provided if enough apply.

Hotels and rooms

The local committee of the Minnetonka conference make the following announcement concerning hotels and rooms.

1 Tonka Bay Hotel. This will be Headquarters hotel. It is about 200 feet from the pavilion on the lake shore where the meetings will be held. It will accommodate about 250 people at the following rates:

Two in a room....each	\$2.50	per day
One in a room.....	3.00	" "
Two in a room with bath,		
each	3.00	" "
One in a room with bath	4.00	" "

Meals to members not roomed at the Hotel at 50c. each for breakfast and luncheon and 75c. for dinner.

There are several suites of rooms with bath which will accommodate parties of four or six and sometimes eight in a suite. It is suggested that friends might make up their own parties and engage suites.

2 Cottages on hotel grounds. These cottages will be under hotel management, and are part of Headquarters. Rates will be \$2.50 per day, with meals at the hotel. Some of them are nearer to the pavilion than the hotel itself, and have the advantage of being more quiet. Parties of friends will be assigned to cottages, if it is so desired.

3 Private cottages. It is likely that somewhat cheaper rates can be secured through the hospitality of residents. Meals can be obtained at the hotel at prices mentioned above, and every noon a free boat holding 150 people will run across to the fine restaurant at Big Island and back again to accommodate those not stopping at the hotel and to save time in serving so many.

4 Excelsior hotels. Excelsior is connected both by trolley and boat with Tonka Bay hotel, and it is but an eight minute trip. The rates are \$2.00 for one in a room or \$1.50 for two in a room. There are besides several excellent summer boarding places, with rates of \$8.00 to \$10.00 per week, which furnish quite as good accommodation as any of the hotels.

5 Del Otero Hotel. This hotel is under very good management, with rates the same as the Tonka Bay. It is in the upper lake and is a beautiful quiet place. Fifty people can be accommodated here. Express boats touch here every half hour and the company has arranged to send out a free boat night and morning to convey A. L. A. members back and forth from any of the outside points to Tonka Bay. It will therefore be entirely convenient for members to stay at any of the above mentioned places.

6 Minneapolis. If any members have friends living in Minneapolis with whom they wish to stay, it is altogether practicable to go back and forth. It is a forty eight minute trip from the center of Minneapolis to Tonka Bay. Hundreds of Minneapolis people go out to Minnetoka for evening concerts at Big Island and our A. L. A. people could easily make the trip if they wish to. If any one desires to stay in the city the local committee will be glad to furnish information regarding hotels or boarding places.

Important. Applications for reservation should be addressed directly to the undersigned, chairman of the Rooming committee. They may be made at any time, and notice will be sent to each one in due time, of the place, number and price of room assigned, instructions for baggage and local travel directions.

The rooming committee will be glad if each applicant for accommodations will name a congenial roommate as it will be impossible to assign many rooms to one person only.

GRATIA COUNTRYMAN,
Chairman Rooming Committee.

ADVANCE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

An advance attendance register will be issued and no supplement will appear during the conference. Those who expect to attend the Minnetonka conference should advise Miss Gratia Countryman, Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn., **before June 15**. No notice is necessary if you have reserved room through Miss Countryman.

POST-CONFERENCE PLANS

1 Duluth, Leech Lake, and wilds of Minnesota.

2 Yellowstone Park.

3 Duluth, Copper Country, and Great Lakes.

1 Duluth and Leech Lake

If 25 or more apply, a personally conducted party will spend ten days on a trip to Leech Lake, going with the Great Lakes party (No. 3 below) to Duluth, Saturday afternoon, June 27, and spending Sunday there. Thence by rail to Leech Lake, arriving Monday evening. Leech Lake has a broken shore of over 500 miles, and is one of Minnesota's most attractive lakes. There is a large Indian reservation which can be easily visited. Glengarry is the name of a club house surrounded by a number of cottages on a point of land extending out into the lake. Under the same management as the club house is a house boat with 12 state-rooms, accommodating 25 persons. This boat makes a 9 day cruise of the lake, visiting the many bays and even going up into the rivers, anchoring nightly in a different place, thus giving constant change of scenery. Persons staying at the club house can explore the lake in gasoline launches. There is excellent fishing. The cost of the trip for those staying at the club house will be about \$32.00, for the house boat party about \$37.00. Add \$3.00 for stay two nights at Hotel Spalding, Duluth, American plan, two in a room, or \$3.75 for single room. The first 25 applicants, only, can be

booked for the house boat. Applications should be made to H. W. Wilson, Chairman A. L. A. local transportation committee, Minneapolis. He will supply circulars and all further particulars to all who write him.

2 Yellowstone Park

A trip to Yellowstone Park can be made from Minneapolis in 9 days, of which 5 1-2 are taken up by the coaching trip in the park, a stop being made each night at a different one of the delightful park hotels. This trip from Minneapolis to Minneapolis, including everything—transportation, Pullman, park coaches, hotels and meals—will cost about \$104.00. Please register for this trip with F. W. Faxon, Chairman A. L. A. travel committee, who will make arrangements.

3 Duluth, the Copper Country, and Great Lakes.

For all desiring to return east via the Great Lakes, and for those who wish to make the trip to Duluth and return, or as far as Mackinac Island and return.

June 27 Leave Minnetonka Lake, about 2.30 p. m., by electric car.

June 27 Leave Minneapolis, 3.45 p. m., Great Northern Ry., special cars (or train) Supper on dining car.

June 27 Arrive Duluth, 10.15 p. m. Mail address while in Duluth, Hotel Spalding.

June 28 (Provided 75 go) An all day trip will be arranged by special train to the immense open mines of the Mesaba Range, which no one who goes to Duluth should miss.

June 29 The Commercial Club of Duluth will entertain the party, and opportunity will be had to take the wonderful boulevard drive, or the trip "around the horn" by boat.

June 29 5.20 p. m. party leaves by special Pullman sleepers over Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Ry. Supper in dining car.

June 30 Arrive Houghton, Mich. for breakfast. (Mail address while in Cop-

per Country, care Hotel Douglass, Houghton, Mich.) The day will be spent at Calumet, Mich. the location of the famous Calumet & Hecla mines, where the party will be entertained by the Calumet & Hecla library. Opportunity will be given to inspect the library, to visit the rock and shaft houses, and see the machinery of this, the richest of copper mines. A trip will then be made to Lake Linden and Dollar Bay, where the stamp mills, smelters and copper rolling mills will be visited, returning for evening dinner and night, to Hotel Douglass, Houghton.

July 1 During the morning the party will be guests of the Michigan College of Mines library, and be shown the notable collection of minerals and models of the mines of the region at the college. At noon the party will board the steamer "Northwest" of the Northern S. S. Co. for the "In all the world no trip like this" excursion through the Great Lakes. The steamer touches at Marquette at 6.40 p. m.

July 2 Steamer stops at the "Soo" locks from 6.30 to 8.15 a. m., allowing opportunity for all to see these wonderful locks, and here a ride may be taken by those who prefer (cost \$1.00 a seat). At 8.15 begins the passage of St Mary's River, connecting Lakes Superior and Huron. At 3.30 we arrive at Mackinac Island, the beautiful, where Lakes Huron and Michigan join, stopping for 11-4 hours, just time to take a drive to the points of interest (seats in carriage \$1.00).

Here the Chicago members of the party will leave us, spending the night on the island (hotel room and meals, about \$2.00) and leaving at 11.30 a. m. July 3, on the "Northland" (sister ship of the "Northwest"), reaching Milwaukee at 7.45 a. m. July 4, and Chicago 2.10 p. m. where railroad connections can be made to destination.

July 2 4.45 p. m. the eastern party will leave Mackinac Island.

July 3 11.15 a. m. arrive Detroit, after passing through the St Clair River and

Lake. 12.30 p. m. leave Detroit, passing through Detroit River to Lake Erie, and touching at Cleveland 6.15 p. m.

July 4 Arrive Buffalo 7 a. m. eastern time, where connections are made for the east. A party will be arranged to visit Niagara Falls.

Cost of lake trip. Expense of this trip covering one week, June 27 to July 4, personally conducted, will be as follows, including transportation by rail and steamer, trip to Mesaba Range mines from Duluth, hotels (2 persons in a room), baggage, transfers, Pullman berths, steamer stateroom berth (outside room), meals (except the 7 on the lake steamer which may be estimated à la carte at \$5.00 to \$7.00)—in short including everything but rides, and meals while on board the steamer "Northwest."

From Minnetonka Lake to:

Duluth only (including Mesaba Range trip, meals and hotel until June 29 afternoon).....	\$11.50
Buffalo	46.10
Cleveland	44.50
Detroit	38.25
Mackinac Island only.....	35.50
Mackinac Island and ticket and stateroom berth to Milwaukee or Chicago	43.50
Houghton, Mich. only, but including the stay and trips with party....	26.80

Those wishing single room at hotels add \$2.00 to above rate. Those wishing room with private bath at hotels add \$2.00 to above rate.

Those desiring this trip or any part of it should write Frederick W. Faxon, who will have charge of it, **before June 1**, sending him \$5.00 to reserve steamer stateroom, remainder to be paid at Minnetonka before June 26.

The approximate cost of Railroad tickets, Pullman berth and meals returning from Minnetonka Lake by shortest route, would be \$29.00 to Buffalo, \$24.00 to Cleveland, \$21.00 to Detroit, \$10.00 to Chicago. Therefore actual cost of post conference trip would be the difference between these amounts and those named above.